

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, and 22-26 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-6, 12, 13, and 22-26 were rejected. Claims 7-11 are allowed. Claims 1, 3-6, 12, 13, 22-24, and 26 are canceled herein. Accordingly, claims 7-11 and 25 remain active in the application. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner detected several minor errors in the drawings. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's attention to detail and has amended the drawings to correct these errors. Replacement drawing sheets, along with annotated drawing sheets showing the changes made, have been attached hereto.

Specification Objections

The Examiner also detected several minor errors in the specification. Applicant has corrected the specification to place the description of the Figures in agreement with the Figures.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3-6, 12, 13, and 22-26 have each been rejected, based on several different art references/combinations. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3-6, 12, 13, 22-24, and 26 in order to not delay the issuance of the allowed claims further.

With respect to claim 25, it is Applicant's view that a prima facie case of obviousness has not been presented, and therefore this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "LaJoie". The rejection admits that LaJoie "does not disclose that the cursor (i.e. program selection area) is fixed in a predetermined selection region near the center of the display so that programs both before and after the selected area remain visible when the user scrolls the program tiles on the display." The Examiner then argues why the claim limitation that is admittedly missing from the prior art would be obvious, based on advantages presented by the Applicant. Thus the "obviousness" of this feature appears predicated on hindsight gleaned from Applicant's own teachings, and not on any teaching found in the prior art.

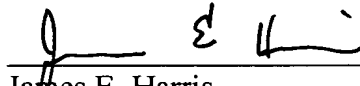
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 25 as the prior art fails to teach or suggest all claim elements, and/or a motivation for modifying LaJoie as suggested by the Examiner.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claim 25 of the application is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

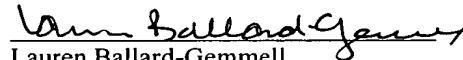
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